

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE ¹

INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY AWARDS

(Effective 4 August 1982)

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 102 of the National Security Act of 1947, Executive Order 12333, and Public Law 83-763, policies and procedures are herewith established which provide for honor and merit awards for exceptional service on behalf of the United States Intelligence Community.

1. Purpose

This directive establishes honor and merit awards which may be conferred by the Director of Central Intelligence with the concurrence of the National Foreign Intelligence Board or Council principals; sets the criteria for recommendation for and approval of such awards; and establishes the Intelligence Community Awards Review Panel to review nominations, maintain records, and arrange presentations of awards.

2. Intelligence Community Awards

The National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal may be awarded for distinguished meritorious service or achievement to the United States in a duty of great responsibility within the Intelligence Community, the outstanding accomplishment of which distinctly benefits the interests of the United States and constitutes a major contribution to the foreign intelligence mission of the Intelligence Community.

The National Intelligence Medal of Achievement may be awarded for especially meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service to the United States by a member of the Intelligence Community. This award recognizes performance of an especially difficult duty in a clearly exceptional manner. The service being recognized must relate directly to the Intelligence Community's mission to provide the intelligence required for national security policy determinations.

The National Intelligence Certificate of Distinction may be awarded for sustained superior performance of duty of high value by a member of the Intelligence Community, or it may be awarded for a significant single act of special merit.

The National Intelligence Meritorious Unit Citation may be awarded to a unit or group whose collective performance has resulted in accomplishments which are of a clearly superior nature and are of significant benefit to the Intelligence Community.

3. National Foreign Intelligence Board and Council

The NFIB (Board) or NFIC (Council) principals, as appropriate, serve as the final reviewing panel to make recommendations to the Director of Central Intelligence on Intelligence Community awards. The principals may recommend a higher or lower level of award.

¹ This directive supersedes DCID No. 1/18, 5 December 1979.

4. Intelligence Community Awards Review Panel (ICARP)

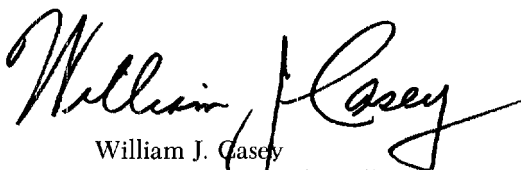
The ICARP will review nominations for Intelligence Community awards and forward its findings to NFIB or NFIC principals for final review.

The Chairman, ICARP, will be appointed by the Director of Central Intelligence.

The members will be representatives designated by Intelligence Community principals.

The ICARP will be supported by an Executive Secretariat.

The ICARP will implement procedures² for nominating individuals for Intelligence Community Awards and for processing the nominations and will arrange for their presentation.



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² These procedures, the criteria for evaluating recommendations for awards, and other supporting information will be found in Volume II of the Director of Central Intelligence Directives series.